



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1705

Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 28, 2000

S. 1705 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire by donation or purchase the Castle Rock Ranch in Idaho. Once acquired, the ranch would be conveyed to the state of Idaho in exchange for about 490 acres of land located within the boundary of the Hagerman National Monument.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that it would cost less than \$1 million to acquire Castle Rock Ranch. We further estimate that additional costs to execute the exchange of lands with Idaho and to manage the newly acquired acreage would not be significant. S. 1705 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1705 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Acquiring the Castle Rock Ranch from the federal government and participating in subsequent exchanges with private owners of land within the City of Rocks National Reserve would be voluntary on the part of the state of Idaho.

On April 11, 2000, CBO prepared a cost estimate for S. 1705, the Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 1999, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 5, 2000. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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